

Editorial Opinion

What Larry Gave Us

More than \$8000 has been collected during the last week to help defray Larry Sharp's medical expenses.

Carmella LaSpada, chairman, and her committee did a remarkable job in organizing the highly successful Larry Sharp Week.

The students, representing the University, feel a responsibility toward Larry Sharp. When he was paralyzed in a fall on a trampoline in a Recreation Hall physical education class, he became the first student to be seriously injured while using University property.

The University carries no insurance to cover such eventualities and did not consider itself responsible for the accident. The Sharp family did not have the means to cover the medical expenses, which amounted to more than \$30,000 by last October when Larry was released from the New York Rehabilitation Center.

While Larry Sharp undoubtedly is grateful to the students for their help to him, the students and the University have ample reason to be grateful to Larry Sharp. For, besides teaching them a splendid lesson in courage, he accomplished something that no one else had been able to do.

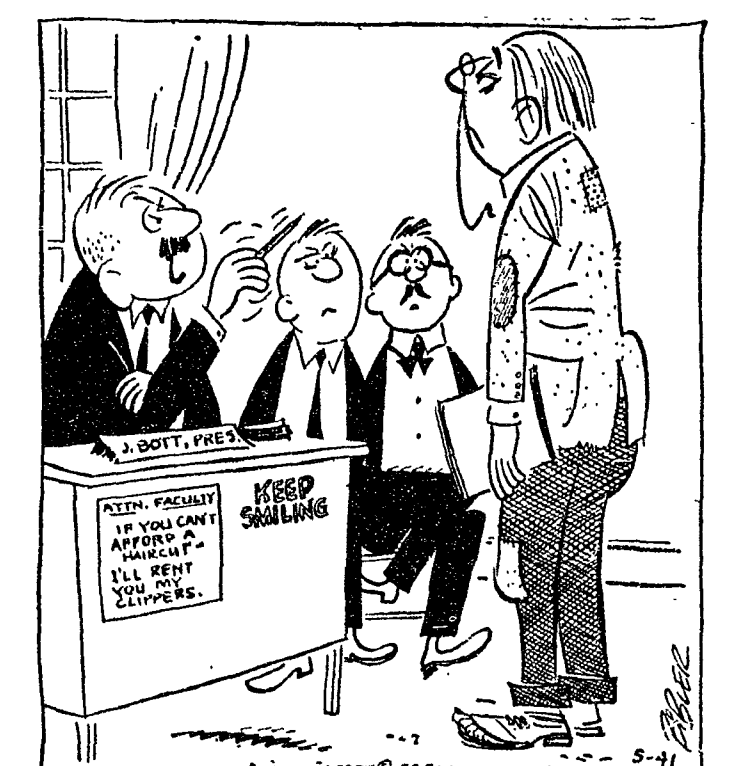
Student and administration leaders had fumbled around for years without being able to agree on an acceptable student insurance plan. It took Larry Sharp's tragic accident to bring about that agreement—and the assurance that no student need be in financial straits because of a future accident.

A University should be a place of light, of liberty, and of learning. —Benjamin Disraeli

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Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"We're firing you because you obviously LOOK so underpaid that we feel you couldn't possibly be teaching students the glories of capitalism and the prosperity of free enterprise."

Letters Reader Backs Boucke Boys

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to take this opportunity to voice my approval of reader Austin's letter stressing the need for businessmen in our society. The letter referring to business students as "Mental Paupers" by Dutko and Eckman is a striking piece of chicanery.

A quick glance at the student directory tells us that Mr. Eckman is a physics major and Mr. Dutko is pursuing a career in engineering sciences. Now in looking at the catalog I find that both of these curriculums involve a great deal of technical hodgepodge and little else.

It is indeed unusual to discover "mechanics" defending liberal, artistic thought and lamenting the narrow viewpoint of the businessman or student whose exposure to fields of study other than his far surpasses that of the technician.

Gentlemen, unless you have done a substantial amount of extra reading, your letter amounts to little more than amusing drivel. If you are well versed in other types of thought then you are well above the average intellectual level of the typical technical student and should be engaged in commerce or the liberal arts.

—Pete Murphy, '60

Gazette TODAY Accounting Convocation, 3:15 p.m., HUB assembly hall; reception, 4:15 p.m., HUB main lounges Ag Student Council, 7 p.m., 212 HUB Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 218 HUB Circa, 8 p.m., 214 HUB Dancing Class, 4:15 and 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom Demolay Club, 8:45 p.m., HUB assembly hall Education Student Council, 6:30 p.m., 214-15 HUB Freshman Regulations Board, 12:30 p.m., 212 HUB German Club, 7:30 p.m., McElwain lounge Home Ec Student Council, 7 p.m., Living Center Intercollegiate Conference on Government, 7 p.m., 203 HUB Judicial, 6:15 p.m., 217 HUB Liberal Arts Student Council, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB Mortar Board Lecture Series, 7 p.m., HUB assembly hall Newman Club, Mixed Marriage instructions, 7:45 p.m., Student Center Outing Club, Rock Climbing Division, 7 p.m., 317 Willard Social-Recreation Committee, 5 p.m., 212 HUB Young Republicans, 7:30 p.m., 216 HUB UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL Raymond Agostinelli, Arnold Bleiweis, David Brooking, Stuart Broth, Mary Castellano, Gregory Caswell, Judith Cazen, James Desmond, Richard Feldman, Francine Garfinkel, Gail Klingensmith, Lucinda Hart, Stephen Heverly, Robert Kelly, George Jones, Abigail Loran, Carol McCurry, Linda Niess, Thomas Rhoad, Foster Salt, LaVerne Shiffer, Michael Soccio.

Camp Interviews The following camps will interview at the Student Employment Service, 112 Old Main. Appointments must be made in advance. Camp Green Lane, Green Lane, Pa. (Women); Mar. 7. Clear Pool Camp, Carnel, N.Y.; (Men); Mar. 13. Jewish Memorial Center of Altoona, Pa. (Men and Women; Day Camp); Mar. 17. Camp Quinbeck, Vt.; (Women); Mar. 19.

Participation--

(Continued from page one) an education without athletics," McCoy said.

"It would be wonderful if we could take the best athlete in school, without giving any financial aid, and let him represent us in athletics," the ex-Michigan football player added, "but that is impossible today because of the cost of education.

Walker, who was a letterman in track as an undergraduate at Harvard, feels that aid to athletes in the form of scholarships is "desirable but not necessary."

However, he adds, "I've seen enough to know that when our athletes graduate, they go out into the world, one step higher towards achieving their ambition. As long as these boys go out with something that helps them and the nation—and they are better people for it—then we are doing our job."

Film Honoring Ghana To Be Shown in Chapel

A film entitled "Ghana" will be shown at 7:30 tonight in the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel in commemoration of Ghana's second anniversary today as a republic. A discussion will follow the film.



Words to Spare The Times Writes On Responsibility

By Dick Drayne The Centre Daily Times and The Daily Collegian usually coexist peacefully, with neither paper commenting on the other. Relations between the staffs have been traditionally friendly, and the Collegian and Time's staffs cooperated only last month in putting out a special joint edition commemorating the University's 100th class.

But the Times, in a reverse of form, attacked The Daily Collegian Saturday, for what it vaguely implied were editorial irresponsibilities on the Collegian's part.

The comments on The Collegian began with the statements: "Some newspapers have caused comment recently with news stories and editorial comments dealing with individuals and institutions. Involved, among others, is the Daily Collegian, undergraduate newspaper at the University."

The editorial went on to cite the differences between rights and privileges of freedom of the press, implying that the Collegian's sense of responsibility is amiss.

It further explained the necessity of teaching undergraduate editors the responsibility of their positions.

Certainly the editorial was not aimed particularly at the Daily Collegian, but rather at the general problem of maintaining the responsibilities of the press, and, in particular the college press. But we fail to see why the Collegian should be included in the general criticism.

The Times editorial was incredibly weak because it failed to point to one single instance where its criticisms of The Collegian might apply. Its vague statements were completely unbacked, and readers of the editorial were apparently supposed to conjure their own facts to support the conclusions of the Times editorial writer.

This lack of support for editorial opinion is a prime example of irresponsibility—the very sin which the editorial was supposed to attack. To quote the Code of Ethics of the National Conference of Editorial Writers, "The editorial writer should draw objective conclusions from the stated facts, basing them upon the weight of evidence and upon his considered concept of the greatest good." The Times editorial forgot about stated facts and weight of evidence.

We finally did find out what the editorial referred to, but only after asking Jerome Weinstein, the Times editor. Weinstein said he had in mind primarily The Collegian's handling of the Borough school tax story and also the coverage of the story on the University's proposed action against the Jazz Club.

The original story in The Collegian on the Borough tax was accurate, according to the tax assessor. Because of the deluge of letters on the story, the Collegian printed a story on an interview with the tax as-

essor in which questions posed by the letter-writers were answered. And editorially criticized the writers of the letters for not being sober and logical in their criticisms.

And we fail to see any basis for Weinstein's objections to the Jazz Club coverage. The news stories were written objectively—if he doubts this we invite him to point out specifics—and our editorial stand criticized the University administration as we thought it should be criticized. The ruling was subsequently reversed.

These are the specifics, which were left out of the Times editorial.

For my own curiosity I took time yesterday to examine all the editorials printed in the Centre Daily Times so far this year. The results of my survey bore out the impression I already had about the Times.

The survey showed that the Times printed no more than a handful of editorials—out of the 57 papers examined—which tackled a controversial issue or showed any sort of editorial courage. A number of the editorials praised the University, the County, and other institutions. Many threw strong support behind charity drives.

Other representative editorials came out with opinions such as: let's cut the traffic death toll in the county; Millheim has much to offer new industry; the public is urged to attend the Bellefonte Council meeting; safe driving tips; now's the time to start planning municipal growth; a youth center is on the way; let's hope Titan Metals has no more misfortune.

This type of editorial was in the great majority. There were very, very few editorials which took a strong stand on local issues. Editorials such as the ones listed above are certainly unobjectionable—but I wonder if there aren't other and more important issues on which the Times could venture editorial opinion.

One editorial, in fact, went so far as to say that some areas in Centre County don't stack up well in community development and renewal—and then failed to name any such areas. This is clearly shirking the duties of the editorial writer; this type of statement almost never gets anything done, for no one is willing to admit that it applies to him or his community and the matter is left to die.

To quote again from the Code of Ethics of Editorial Writers: "The editorial writer should present facts honestly and fully." If the Times wants to consider the subject of responsibility it should remember it has a responsibility to present opinions on controversial subjects and not just beat around the bush.



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